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TEXT:

//((FROM THE "VREMYA" NEWSCAST: REPORT BY P. ORLOV, IDENTIFIED
 BY CAPTION))

((TEXT)) ((ANNOUNCER)) THE FLIGHT OF THE SOVIET-BRITISH SPACE
 CREW ABOARD THE "MIR" STATION IS CONTINUING. THEIR JOINT WORK HAS
 ALREADY PRODUCED ITS FIRST RESULTS, BUT NOT ALL OF THEM CAN BE
 INTERPRETED UNEQUIVOCALLY. OUR CORRESPONDENT REPORTS:

((ORLOV)) FOR SCHOOLS IN BRITAIN, AND ALSO FOR OUR SPECIAL
 SCHOOLS, THIS COULD BE AN OBJECT LESSON IN CELESTIAL MECHANICS --
 TO USE THE BRITISH DESCRIPTION OF WEIGHTLESSNESS.

HELEN SHARMAN'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE: THE FEELING OF BEING IN
 SPACE IS LOVELY. SERGEY KRKALEV TAUGHT HER HOW TO GET RID OF THE
 DISTRESSING SENSATIONS. THE FOOD IS STRANGE BUT VERY TASTY. TRUE,
 IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO PREPARE. BUT THE HARDEST THING OF ALL IS
 THAT EVERYTHING AROUND YOU IS FLYING ABOUT, BE IT A PIECE OF BREAD
 OR THE CREW COMMANDER.

OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES WERE VERY PLEASED TO HEAR ALL THIS.

BUT THE REAL PROBLEMS LIE OUTSIDE THE STATION. THE POINT IS
 THAT YESTERDAY EVENING, DURING THE LATE COMMUNICATIONS SESSION, A
 STRANGE OBJECT WAS FILMED. YOU CAN SEE IT NOW, THERE, AT THE VERY
 CENTER OF THE SCREEN. ((VIDEO SHOWS "MIR" STATION AND A
 LUMINESCENT OBJECT HOVERING AROUND IT))

IF IT WERE A UFO, IT WOULD NOT BE TOO BAD. BUT MUSA MANAROV,
 WHO WAS FILMING THE CRAFT DURING THE DOCKING WITH THE STATION, HAS
 FUELED DOUBTS BY SAYING THAT HE SAW THAT OBJECT COME OFF THE
 CRAFT. OF COURSE, THERE IS NOTHING CHEERFUL ABOUT THE FACT THAT
 AN OBJECT OF QUITE A CONSIDERABLE SIZE IS FLYING AROUND THE
 STATION, EVEN IF IT IS NOT A PART OF THE SOYUZ TRANSPORT CRAFT.

((UNIDENTIFIED VOICE)) MOVE CLOSER, PLEASE.

((ORLOV)) MEANWHILE, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT HELEN SHARMAN IS
 THE FIRST WOMAN ABOARD THE "MIR" STATION. SOMETHING TO MAKE SEAMEN
 ENVIOUS. BUT JOKES APART, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHAT THE OBJECT
 ACCOMPANYING THE STATION IS.

((ANNOUNCER)) WE WILL WAIT FOR FURTHER REPORTS. THIS IS A VERY
 INTERESTING, BUT ALSO A FAIRLY ALARMING DEVELOPMENT.

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